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## U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

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### Media Update #5: Technical Assessment Progress

#### **Interim Analysis Assessment Brief Rescheduled for March 4**

**WHAT:** The interim analysis assessment briefing that was postponed on Feb. 22, 2005, has been rescheduled to take place on Friday, March 4, 2005. At this informal meeting, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency technical assessment team will provide Department of Defense officials the current status on the team's progress in assessing alternatives to achieve 100 percent destruction of the its chemical weapons stockpile by 2012.

This progress report will be given to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical Demilitarization and Threat Reduction, who signed the Jan. 10, 2005, memo directing the Army to conduct the assessment.

**WHEN:** Originally, the Army received its direction in a memo signed Jan. 10, 2005, from the Department of Defense. That memo established reporting parameters as progress moves toward a final reporting date of March 21, 2005, to Mr. Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics). At this time, the Army technical assessment team continues progress toward meeting the March deadline.

**WHO:** Mr. Kevin P. Duvall, CMA's acting director of its Cooperative Threat Reduction Support Directorate, remains the lead for the technical assessment.

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**CMA COMMENT:** CMA Technical Lead Kevin P. Duvall said, "Our intent during this informal pre-decisional meeting is to provide the Defense Department with a status report and details on the options we are reviewing. We would like to receive further guidance from the Defense Department regarding what parts of our assessment are viable, what parts are not, and what direction the assessment should take as we move forward."

**ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS:** Components that were listed in the Media Update #3 released Feb. 17, 2005 remain current. Please consult that release for current listing. You may view the update on the CMA Web site at [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil)

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** As of Feb. 16, 2005, chemical weapons disposal operations in Utah, Maryland, Alabama, Oregon and on Johnston Island have resulted in the safe destruction of more than 35 percent of the nation's declared chemical weapons stockpile involving 42 percent of originally declared munitions. Aberdeen Proving Ground is the first of eight U.S. Army stockpile sites in the continental United States to have emptied its stockpile storage area, eliminating the risk the stored agent posed to its surrounding communities during the past six decades. Disposal operations are set to begin in Arkansas and Indiana in the next couple of months.

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*The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency is responsible for safely storing and eliminating the United States' aging chemical weapons and agent stockpiles and for the safe elimination of recovered chemical materiel.*

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